

REMARKS

The non-final Office Action dated May 5, 2006 has been received and its contents carefully studied. Claims 1-10, 12-21, 24, and 25 were pending, and all claims were rejected, including the independent claims 1, 4, 13, and 16. All of the independent claims were rejected as obvious from *Morriss et al* (U.S. Patent Application 2004/0203601) in view of *Kokubo* (U.S. Patent Application 20040224665). *Kokubo* is a new reference.

The Present Claim Amendments Overcome the Rejections

Applicant now cancels independent claims 1, 13, and 16 without prejudice, in order to expedite prosecution of the present application. New independent claims 26 and 28 are added. Also, various other amendments are made. All of the new claims and all of the amendments are fully supported by the specification as originally filed, and introduce no new matter. For example, the present claimed database is mentioned at least at page 5, line 31 and page 6, line 6 of the application as originally filed.

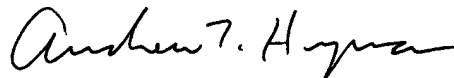
The first full paragraph on page 6 of the non-final Office Action states that it would be obvious to use synchronization markup language only if supported. The present amended claims considerably elaborate on this aspect of the present invention. Applicant respectfully submits that it is novel and useful to use a database to make the determination of whether a device management feature in the mobile terminal will be able to support the synchronization markup language. This database is used in response to receiving a personal identification code from the user who has lost or misplaced his or her phone. The guard message is then formulated based upon the result of this determination, and then the guard message is sent to the user terminal.

Neither *Kobuko* nor *Morriss* teaches or suggests using this type of database in the network, at an intermediate point between the user and the mobile terminal. The database eliminates the need for additional communication with the user (who may not know whether his phone has the device management feature) and with the mobile terminal. It also eliminates the need to send both types of guard message to the mobile terminal.

CONCLUSION

It is earnestly requested that the application be reconsidered, and that the four amended independent claims be allowed, as well as the claims depending therefrom. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner please contact Applicant's attorney by telephone, if doing so might facilitate or expedite examination of the present application. It is submitted that early passage of the present claims to issuance would be appropriate according to the relevant statutes and regulations, in view of the novel and useful invention claimed by the present application.

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